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SUBJECT: EXTENSION OF GUARD SERVICES CONTRACT

REF: A. STATE 101944; B. KINGSTON 1511

- 1. REFTEL A AUTHORIZED GUARD SERVICES CONTRACT TO BE EXTENDED TO JUNE 30. 1977.
- 2. " STATE OF EMERGENCY" ENDED ON JUNE 6, 1977 BUT DUE TO AN UPSURGE IN ALREADY HIGH RATE OF VIOLENT CRIME (INCLUDING MURDERS OF SEVERAL POLICEMENT AND MINISTRY OF WORKS PERMANENT SECRETARY), JAMAICA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UNANIMOUSLY PASSED A RESOLUTION EXTENDING "SUPPRESSION OF CRIME ACT" FOR A FURTHER SIX MONTHS. WHILE THERE HAS BEEN NO INDICATION THAT MEMBERS OF DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS HAVE BEEN SPECIFICALLY TARGETED, DURING RECENT MONTHS THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL CASES WHERE THEY HAVE BEEN VICTIMS OF ASSAULTS AND/OR ROBBERIES, A NUMBER OF WHICH INVOLVED PERSONAL INJURY. ON AT LEAST TWO OCCASIONS DURING PAST SIX MONTHS, RESIDENCES OF MISSION STAFF WERE TARGETED FOR ROBBERY BUT WOULD-BE THIEVES WERE SURPRISED BY WATCHMEN AND ATTEMPTS WERE THUS FOILED.
- 3. REFTEL B PROVIDES GENERAL BACKGROUND AND ACTIONS THUS FAR TAKEN.

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4. IN VIEW OF DETERIORATING POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC SITUATION AND RISING LEVEL OF CRIME-REQUEST EXTENSION OF GUAR SERVICES CONTRACT FOR A PCFTSK OF THREE MONTHS, AT WHICH TIME EMBASSY WILL REVIEW OVERALL SITUATION.

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